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TO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

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FOR USAID/B. H. GRIFFIN

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SREF, ID

SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

REF: JAKARTA 1648

1. PER YOUR INQUIRY ABOUT MRS. AMPHONE AND HER FAMILY, IT IS EMBASSY BANGKOK VIEW THAT THE THREE REFUGEES SHOULD NOT BE SENT TO JAKARTA UNLESS THEY CAN BE PERMANENTLY RESETTLED IN INDONESIA.

2. FOR ONE THING, IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN A TRAVEL DOCUMENT FROM THE ICRC FOR THE REFUGEES UNLESS IT CAN BE SHOWN THAT THEY ARE MOVING TO A COUNTRY OF PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT. MORE FUNDAMENTALLY, WHILE WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GET THE REFUGEES TO JAKARTA, WHEN MR. GRIFFIN DEPARTS, THE REFUGEES WILL BE IN DUBIOUS STATUS UNLESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR PERMANENT RESETTLEMENT IN INDONESIA HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY WORKED OUT.

3. AS FAR AS WE KNOW IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR GRIFFIN UPON COMPLETION OF HIS TOUR TO TAKE THE REFUGEES FROM INDONESIA TO THE US. THE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING THIS FAMILY TO THE US AS REFUGEES FROM THIS END DOES NOT SEEM LIKELY SINCE THEY DO NOT APPEAR ON BASIC REFTTEL TO MEET CRITERIA EVEN IF EXPANDED PAROLE

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PROGRAM IS APPROVED. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY REQUESTS FOR FORMER

SERVANTS TO GO TO THE U.S. TO JOIN FORMER EMPLOYERS ALMOST
ALL OF WHICH HAVE BEEN REJECTED AS NOT MEETING REFUGEE PAROLE
CRITERIA.

4. REGRET THIS FRUSTRATING SITUATION BUT UNLESS DEPARTMENT
HAS OTHER VIEWS, OUR BEST ASSESSMENT IS THAT LEAVING THEM IN
THAILAND IS THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION UNLESS PERMANENT RESETTLE-
MENT IN INDONESIA CAN BE ARRANGED IN ADVANCE.
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